

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Richter et al.  
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For : **ASSAYS EMPLOYING ELECTROCHEMILUMINESCENT  
LABELS AND ELECTROCHEMILUMINESCENCE  
QUENCHERS**  
Group Art Unit : 1634  
Examiner : Arun K. Chakrabarti

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to  
extend the time for responding to the Final Office Action mailed June 20, 2003 for three (3)  
months, i.e., from September 20, 2003 up to and including December 20, 2003. Under provision  
37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) the required fee for a large entity is \$950.00 and a check for that amount

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is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-0540**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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